

Clarke County Litter Committee

Berryville/Clarke County Government Center, 2nd Floor 101 Chalmers Court, Berryville, Virginia 22611 A/B Meeting Room

Wednesday, March 8, 2023 5:30 pm

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Election of Officers
 - Chair & Vice Chair
- 3. Approval of Agenda
- 4. Approval of meeting dates and times for 2023
- 5. Approval of Minutes October 18, 2022
- 6. Review of Meeting Notes (November 15, 2022; January 17, 2023; and February 21, 2023)
- 7. 2023 Litter Grant Award
 - EPS (Extended Polystyrene) Campaign
- 8. Planning, Engagement, and Scheduling in 2023
 - Approval of Spring/Summer dates
- 9. Clean Up Opportunity (Gregg Property)
 - Approval of Dumpster Amount
- 10. Signage
 - Approval of Earth Day Contest / Award Discussion
 - Approval of Signs and Costs
- 11. Adopt a Road
 - Quick Review of Application Submittal and Guidelines
- 12. Media Outreach Details
- 13. Other Business
 - Review Action Items
- 14. Adjournment

Clarke County Litter Committee 2023 Meeting Dates

Meeting Location: Clarke County Government Building, 2^{nd} Floor A/B Conference Room *3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm

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Clarke County Litter Committee

DRAFT – Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 18, 2022 – 5:30PM Berryville/Clarke County Government Center – A/B Meeting Room

ATTENDANCE	
Ashley Harrison (Chair)	✓
Tom Bauhan	✓
Mary Martin	✓
John Keim	X
Meg Roque	X

STAFF PRESENT: Jeffrey Feaga (Preservation Planner / GIS Coordinator), Kristina Maddox (Office Manager / Zoning Officer)

OTHERS PRESENT: Matthew Bass (Board of Supervisor Liaison); Christi McMullen; Jay Corbalis

Call to Order: Chair Harrison called the meeting to order at 5:30PM.

Approval of Agenda:

The Committee voted 3-0-0 to approve the October 18, 2022 meeting agenda with the addition of a discussion about a long-term EPS resolution, litter near the intake of the Berryville Drinking Water Treatment Plant, and an update on Glass Recycling by Christi McMullen.

Motion to approve the October 18, 2022 Meeting Agenda with the addition of a discussion of a long-term EPS resolution, litter near the Berryville drinking water intake, and glass recycling updates:	
Ashley Harrison (Chair)	AYE
Tom Bauhan	AYE (MOVED)
Mary Martin	AYE (SECONDED)

Approval of Meeting Minutes – September 20, 2022:

The Committee voted 3-0-0 to approve the September 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes as amended to include a box for attendance that shows the attendance status of all committee members, e.g. Meg Roque as absent.

Motion to approve the September 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes as presented by Staff:		
Ashley Harrison (Chair) AYE		
Tom Bauhan	AYE (MOVED)	
Mary Martin	AYE (SECONDED)	

Litter Observed Near Berryville Drinking Water Intakes:

Jay Corbalis noted in the summer of 2022 that the raw water intake to the Berryville Water Treatment Plant on the Shenandoah River had observable litter around it, including what looked like toilet paper and feces from boaters that had pulled up near the intake. Mr. Corbalis suggested that if the Litter Committee ever put trash receptacles along the river, this would be a good location. The area has no trespassing signs and cinder block barriers around the pumping facility, but there are still signs of people trespassing into the

area. The town of Berryville is aware that the area poses a safety risk to anyone who attempts to climb on the equipment. Mr. Corbalis suggested that the area be patrolled more often to monitor the area.

Glass Grinding - Christi McMullen continues in her efforts to crush glass collected at the Quarry Road facility. At this Ms. McMullen's operation collects 1,000-2,000 lbs/week. A non-profit 501c3 status is being set up for the purposes of getting grants and tax free donations, and to facilitate off-loading crushed glass product. Ms. McMullen has connected with other independent glass crushers, and was pleased to find that her glass processing numbers exceed most other operations. Weights are determined by placing collected bulk glass into 55 gallon drums and summing the weights. Ms. McMullen is running out of room in her garage to accommodate the volume of materials that she is processing.

Ms. McMullen's start-up cost for this operation was approximately \$8,000, with \$7,000 being for the purchase of the glass crusher. Rappahannock provides a grant every 2 years for up to \$5,000, and is expected to be a primary funding source for maintaining her operation. Crushed glass is placed in sandbags which cost about \$40 for 100 sandbags. Ms. McMullen goes through about 150 sandbags / month. Equipment maintenance and sieves are potential costs for continuing the operation.

Crushed product is primarily provided to citizens that use the sand for chicken feed and filling driveway holes. Those that use the sand are encouraged to give a donation. Ms. McMullen's goal would be to find a few organizations that take most of the product as opposed to needing to spend so much time finding numerous people or organization to take the product. Ms. McMullen is spending upwards of 20 hours/week on the glass crushing work. New markets are being explored, including an insulation company named Knauf that is based out of Indiana but has a local plant in Inwood, WV. Knauf insulation will receive several samples of Ms. McMullen's product in order to see if it is sufficient for their insulation raw materials. Mr. Feaga will work with Ms. McMullen to figure out which glass sizes and sieving sequences will make a product likely to be acceptable by Knauf.

Planning and Engagement for Fall 2022 and Winter 2022-2023:

The litter pick up event on October 15, 2022 was a success despite it not being well attended. The condition (based on the amount of strewn litter) of Castleman's Ferry was better than before the pickup that was done in Spring 2022.

The next litter pick up event was planned for Saturday November 12th at Berry's Ferry (Route 50 Bridge over the Shenandoah) at 9 a.m. Coffee and donuts might be provided. Mr. Feaga noted we should advertise with the local chapter of Master Naturalists, Potomac Valley Audubon Society, Friends of Blandy, and the Winchester Isaac Walton League. Hopefully some of these volunteers from other organizations would offer to join the Litter Committee's preferred volunteer list. The question of whether to invite kids was posed. The Committee agreed that it was best to not have a youth-focused event, rather to advertise that kids are welcome only if their parents attend.

The Committee decided that winter should be spent planning for spring events. The 2023 Earth Day event should be a priority.

The Committee wants to keep the planned December 20th Litter Committee meeting on the calendar.

Adopt a highway

Mr. Feaga informed the Committee that the VDOT representative for the adopt a highway program is not able to process our request for road information as their computer system is down and unworkable at this time. We will need to try again in the future.

The Litter Committee inquired about the roads and their lengths voted on in the previous meeting. Mr. Feaga noted the sections of the three roads preferred for adoption in the last meeting (Senseny, Salem Church, and Opequon Road) added up to 3.6 miles. Mr. Bass noted that all of Senseny Road is very dangerous for pedestrians and trash crews due to high speed and narrow shoulders. Mr. Bauhan suggested that instead of including Senseny in the Committee's adoption preference, that the Salem Church section be expanded so that it stretched from its intersection with Senseny south to the Pyletown Road intersection.

VDOT-program adoption of portions of Salem Church Road and Opequon Road

The Committee voted 3-0-0 to adopt portions of Salem Church and Opequon Road.

Motion to adopt portions of Salem Church and Opequon Roads:	
Ashley Harrison (Chair)	AYE
Tom Bauhan	AYE (MOVED)
Mary Martin	AYE (SECONDED)

The motion carried, the Litter Committee requests that Staff update the preference for adopting a road by striking its interest in Senseny road and instead only adopt portions of Salem Church and Opequon Roads through the VDOT Adopt a Highway Program, pending availability.

Ms. Maddox asked if we need to officially go through the VA adopt a highway process in order to start picking up the sections of roads that the Committee would prefer to adopt. The Committee decided that there was nothing wrong with picking up along these roads on a trial basis, but there would be no signage and recognition of the group and their efforts. Ms. Martin noted that when officially adopted, a ground-mounted sign is put up on both endpoints of the adopted road sections.

EPS campaign

Ms. Harrison has polled people in the community and they have found that there are economic disincentives for restaurants to change the products they are using to non-EPS materials. Mr. Bauhan suggested we look at some of the successful efforts in the greater NOVA region. Mr. Feaga offered to find some planners, committees, or other groups that may be a model for Clarke County's EPS campaign. Mr. Feaga also added that education should be our focus, as opposed to approaching the EPS campaign with the goal of getting restaurants to make any immediate changes.

Ms. Harrison noted that Jim's Country store uses EPS cups that seem to appear as litter along the road near the river. The Committee thought this might be a good establishment to target as part of the EPS campaign.

The Committee talked about the merits of having increased costs for plastic and polystyrene options, without outright banning them.

Media Outreach and Community Engagement

Mr. Feaga reminded the Committee that John Keim made a loose commitment to write some educational articles related to the Litter Committee. Mr. Feaga asked the Committee on ideas for articles. One idea was to highlight the event on October 15th and other former events in order to promote the activities of the Litter Committee. Ms. McMullen recommended to not just use Facebook as it is not used by many people. Mr. Corbalis suggested a treasure hunt or contest might be a volunteer motivator. Ms. McMullen suggested a geocache. Mr. Feaga suggested that one bottle could be pre-painted to identify it as a piece of prize litter during a pickup event. A weigh-off of trash was suggested as another contest idea. Ms. McMullen noted how prizes and competition have been a big motivator for fundraising or service projects in her previous experiences.

Habitual Litterers and Local Problem Spots

Mr. Corbalis noted there are certain people that habitually throw litter in certain areas of the county. In the case of Mr. Corbalis' current issue, someone has been throwing banana peels in his yard. Mr. Corbalis suggested that the county have one or two professionally made signs to loan out to landowners when litter problems arise on private property. Mr. Feaga noted that the idea could work, but that the signs would need to be placed on private property as opposed to in the VDOT right-of-way.

Ms. Harrison wondered if VDOT already had any signs that could work for Mr. Corbalis' purposes.

Trash Receptacles at Boat Ramps

Mr. Feaga summarized a conversation that he had with Jackson Dierberg, a DWR officer that works in Frederick, Clarke, and Warren Counties. Officer Dierberg felt that in his experience a dumpster or trash receptacle at DWR boat ramps would only encourage dumping, but that he would not prevent a receptacle from being placed at the boat ramp if somebody or some organization offered to maintain the receptacle. Ms. McMullen thought that she knows some people that might volunteer to pick up trash once or twice a month if a receptacle were placed at a boat ramp. Mr. Feaga recommended it may be best to put a lid onto the trash barrel that limits the size of the trash that can be put into the trash barrel, thus discouraging the use of the barrel for large items. Ms. Harrison asked how often Officer Dierberg could be contacted. Mr. Feaga said that while Officer Dierberg is limited by the 3 county extent in which he works, the officer still encouraged people to contact him if needed. Finally, Officer Dierberg said that litter pick up events seem to have the most success for keeping boat ramp areas clear of excess litter.

Signage

Mr. Feaga wondered if the bridge abutment at Castleman's Ferry boat ramp could be painted with an antilitter mural. The bridge is owned by VDOT. Officer Dierberg said that he would facilitate the project if VDOT were to permit the project. Ms. Harrison said that she knows some artists who could be interested in the project. Mr. Feaga suggested enlisting the talents of high school students or other young people. Mr. Feaga offered to explore the process for getting permission to paint a mural, and would start by contacting folks in Luray, Virginia as they have painted several murals, including one on VDOT property.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Committee agreed to adjourn the meeting at 6:48PM. The next Clarke County Litter Committee meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2022 at 5:30 PM.

The Committee voted 3-0-0 to adjourn the October 18, 2022 meeting at 6:56PM.

Motion to adjourn the October 18, 2022 Litte	er Committee meeting at 6:56PM:
Ashley Harrison (Chair)	AYE (SECONDED)
Mary Martin	AYE
Tom Bauhan	AYE (MOVED)

Jeffrey Feaga (Clerk)	



Clarke County Litter Committee

DRAFT – Meeting Minutes (no quorum)
Tuesday, November 15, 2022 – 5:30PM
Berryville/Clarke County Government Center – A/B Meeting Room

ATTENDANCE	
Ashley Harrison (Chair)	X
Tom Bauhan	X
Mary Martin	✓
John Keim	✓
Meg Roque	X

STAFF PRESENT: Jeffrey Feaga (Preservation Planner / GIS Coordinator), Kristina Maddox (Office Manager / Zoning Officer)

OTHERS PRESENT: Matthew Bass (Board of Supervisor Liaison); Christi McMullen

Call to Order: There was no quorum for today's meeting.

Litter Observed Near Berryville Drinking Water Intakes:

Mr. Feaga summarized a conversation he had with Christy Dunkle, Berryville Planner, about the drinking water intakes for the town of Berryville. A citizen had expressed concerns about activities near the intakes that could potentially threaten water quality. These concerns were documented in Meeting Minutes for October 18, 2022. Ms. Dunkle stated that they are aware of the concerns, and that for the most part the concerns were unwarranted. She stated that the drinking water intake area will likely have video surveillance installed when upgrades are made to the facility in approximately 5 years. She acknowledged that there was litter in the area of the intakes, and that the litter committee had permission to pick up the area as long as the town was notified prior to the pick-up event.

Litter Pick Up Event at Berry's Ferry and Future Events:

Ms. Maddox described the November 12th litter pick up at the Berry's Ferry Boat Ramp (Route 50 Bridge) as a success. A new volunteer showed up. In the future, we need to notify potential volunteers earlier about our events. Ms. McMullen noted events posted on the Clarke County site should be reposted to the Clarke County community happenings site, which has over 10,000 followers using it.

Mr. Keim suggested that a winter litter pick up on Salem Church Road and Opequon Road would be a good idea, since litter is visible with the short grass and lack of leaves in the trees. Mr. Bass reminded any litter crews planning to work on Salem Church Road to notify VDOT before the event.

Glass Grinding - Christi McMullen has not heard any response from Knauf Insulation about the results of the cullet analysis that was made on the samples she sent to the company several weeks ago. This company is a potentially good consumer for her product. In the meantime, Ms. McMullen continues to offload her crushed cullet to various locals that use it for various purposes. She is willing to give the sand away for free. At the end of October, Ms. McMullen calculated that they had crushed 11 tons of glass this year. Ms. McMullen is seeking the services of a lawyer or an accountant to set up a non-profit for her glass crushing operation. Ms. McMullen contacted Clarke County Parks and Recreation about using the sand for their ball fields, but that they were concerned and needed more testing on the product. It is unclear about what type of testing would satisfy Parks and Recreation requirements for a safe product.

EPS campaign

Mr. Feaga did some research on EPS campaigns in Virginia and Maryland. He discussed the existing EPS ban in Maryland, and noted Montgomery County has much printed and video information about their EPS campaign. Montgomery County also compiled a list of current prices of non-EPS products and how they could be used to substitute for specific EPS-containing products. Mr. Feaga included a list of people in the meeting packet that may be a good resource for contacting about Clarke's EPS campaign.

Signage

Mr. Bass stated signage is one of the best things the Litter Committee could invest in to reduce littering. Mr. Keim has observed some existing signs near the Berry's Ferry boat ramp, but opined that the signs were small and not prominent. Signs appealing to people's conscience as opposed to punitive signs are preferred. Good signage should remind the reader that they are dealing with somebody real. Mr. Keim and Mr. Bass thought it might be a good idea to have a contest to come up with an anti-litter slogan to put on signs. Mr. Feaga suggested we should limit the slogan to a certain number of characters. He noted the work on language for small signs could begin right away, but that it may be a bad idea to plan on mural ideas before we have any VDOT input on the process. Mr. Feaga has not yet been successful at contacting VDOT about getting permission to paint an anti-litter mural at Castleman's Ferry boat landing.

Jeffrey Feaga (Clerk)	



Clarke County Litter Committee

DRAFT – Meeting Notes (no quorum)
Tuesday, January 17, 2023 – 5:30PM
Berryville/Clarke County Government Center – A/B Meeting Room

ATTENDANCE	
Ashley Harrison (Chair)	X
Tom Bauhan	√ E
Mary Martin	✓
John Keim	✓
Meg Roque	X

E – Denotes electronic attendance

STAFF PRESENT: Jeffrey Feaga (Preservation Planner / GIS Coordinator), Kristina Maddox (Office Manager / Zoning Officer)

OTHERS PRESENT: Matthew Bass (Board of Supervisor Liaison)

Call to Order: There was no quorum for today's meeting.

Planning, Engagement, and Scheduling in 2023

Mr. Keim noted the "2023 thinking ahead" list and asked if Staff could provide a list of what the committee has accomplished thus far for the first committee write up in the Clarke Monthly. Mr. Feaga said he would combine the meeting minutes and provide the information to Mr. Keim.

2023 Litter Grant Award

Mr. Bahaun asked about the \$11,000 grant to be spent within the next five-to-six months. Mr. Feaga responded that \$9,570 has been approved by the county but that only around \$4,000 has been released thus far. Mr. Feaga mentioned that \$9,570 is what Staff considers the same general fund that the committee had last year and noted that some of the funds help maintain the recycling within the County such as Chet Hobert park. He said the funds are also to be used for new equipment, signage, and clean up events and that \$1,429 is to be used for the EPS campaign.

EPS campaign

Mr. Bahaun said he would try to make some headway on the EPS campaign by looking at some of the counties in Maryland that have already started this project. Mr. Feaga suggested that the committee look at providing some samples along with an informational letter to local business owners as a start to the project. He said if any of the business owners seem moderately interested in the program, to proceed to reach out and provide them with additional information and samples.

Pick Up Opportunity (Gregg Property)

Mr. Feaga explained that a Clarke County resident recently asked if Staff could offer ideas on ridding their property of debris left by the previous owner. Mr. Feaga went onsite and noted three oil tanks, oil drums, and various contractor debris. Mr. Feaga provided the current owner with a contact to have the oil drums pumped out and said after that is complete, that he would approach the Litter Committee about the remainder of the debris. He said it seems within the rules of the DEQ litter grant as long as there are volunteers involved. He noted the property owner's neighbors are volunteering their time to help and that he plans to monitor the event himself. He continued that the litter grant funds could potentially help with the dumpster costs should the committee approve the project. Mr. Keim asked if Staff could find out the

cost per dumpster to which Mr. Feaga said he thought it was \$700 per dumpster last time he looked at costs for a river cleanup. If the committee decides to approve this, he suggests that a specific amount be approved ahead of time to be paid directly to the vendor and the property owner would pay the difference and coordinate volunteers.

Signage

Mr. Feaga said the majority of the litter grant funds will most likely be spent on signage and suggested the Litter Committee place the sign order before specific locations are known. Ms. Maddox asked if anyone had seen the "do not litter" signs around White Post or Millwood and Mr. Bass responded that he would prefer if there were different or even multiple slogans such as "Keep Clarke Clean" and perhaps a separate sign for the river. With regards to soliciting input for the design, the committee discussed involving students in some type of Earth Day competition. Mr. Bass said he would email the schools and ask their thoughts on the competition.

Adopt A Road

Mr. Bass heard that Sulphur Springs Road may already have litter pick up attendants. Mr. Feaga said VDOT confirmed that the roads the Litter Committee inquired about are available including Salem Church Road and Opequon Road. The Litter Committee now needs to submit their application to get the process started.

Kristina	Maddox (Clerk)	



Clarke County Litter Committee

DRAFT – Meeting Notes (no quorum)
Tuesday, February 21, 2023 – 5:30PM
Berryville/Clarke County Government Center – A/B Meeting Room

ATTENDANCE	
Ashley Harrison (Chair)	√ E
Tom Bauhan	✓
Mary Martin	X
John Keim	✓
Meg Roque	X

E – Denotes electronic attendance

STAFF PRESENT:

Kristina Maddox (Office Manager / Zoning Officer), Brandon Stidham (Director

of Planning)

OTHERS PRESENT: Matthew Bass (Board of Supervisor Liaison)

Call to Order: There was no quorum for today's meeting.

Election of Officers

There being no quorum in the room, the committee was unable to finalize the officers for 2023. Instead, the committee discussed how helpful it would be to have a Vice Chair help run the meeting should the Chair not be available to attend.

2023 Litter Grant Award & EPS Campaign

- The committee discussed using the EPS grant money to provide samples to surrounding and interested business owners starting with Clarke County and then reaching out to town business owners.
- Mr. Bahaun said he would schedule a time to come into the Planning Department to get sample ideas and printouts.
- The EPS grant money amount of \$1,429.50 would also be used for mailings and postage to better inform business owners of the upcoming requirements.
- Chair Harrison suggested putting an article in the Clarke Monthly in addition to the mailings to help spread the information.
- The committee talked about the grant funds and how they are allocated to various uses within the county including recycling and trash pick up for Chet Hobert Park as an example. Ms. Maddox said she would get further details from Joint Administrative Services to provide to the committee to further clarify the details.
- Regarding the Clarke Monthly, Mr. Keim asked if the article should highlight the information, the importance of the upcoming requirements and deadlines, etc. Ms. Maddox said she would forward Mr. Keim information regarding the overall EPS campaign. Chair Harrison asked if the title "Trash Talk" would be an eye-catching headline for our ongoing articles in the Clarke Monthly and if it could be added to the next meeting's agenda for committee approval.
- Mr. Keim said he would first like to write up an introductory piece on the Litter Committee, what we have accomplished thus far, the importance, how to volunteer, etc.

2023 Planning, Engagement, Scheduling, & Signage

- The committee discussed adding a list of upcoming events to the website so citizens can align their schedules accordingly.
- Ms. Maddox mentioned the Shenandoah River Keepers would like the Litter Committee's assistance with their event in April and the committee would need to approve a date between April 16th and 23rd. The committee tentatively selected Sunday, April 16th for the event clean up date and will vote on the date at an upcoming meeting.
- Mr. Bass noted the Earth Day anti-litter slogan, short essay, and/or art contest between the Clarke County schools regarding the county's signage and perhaps some of the grant money could be used toward a prize for the winners. He said that could then tie into an Earth Day event where the Board of Supervisors and members of Josephine Street are planning to do tree plantings.

Pick Up Opportunity (Gregg Property)

- Ms. Maddox explained the property situation and noted the cost is approximately \$600 per dumpster and that at least four would be needed for the clean up. The committee will need to vote on the event date an amount at the next meeting.
- The committee discussed how to address additional citizen requests for funds; that perhaps one per year would suffice. This project could be treated as a pilot project for the time being and that as long as future projects fall within the DEQ grant guidelines.

Adopt A Road

Kristina Maddox (Clerk)

- Chair Harrison asked if the application could be submitted for the already approved roads between Salem Church (up through the intersection) and Opequon where it stops at the Clarke County line. The committee tentatively decided on doing an Adopt a Highway clean up event in May.

The committee decided to s	chedule a special meeting	g with a quorum so these	various items can be voted
on so we can move forward			
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Month D, 2023

Business Owner Address Line 1
Business Owner Address Line 2

RE: Ban of Expanded Polystyrene Take-out Containers

Dear Clarke County Business Owner,

This letter is to inform you of the law passed by the Virginia General Assembly that will ban all expanded polystyrene (EPS) food service containers over the next five-to-seven years. This will prohibit EPS use by chain restaurants (with 20 or more locations) in 2028 and independent restaurants and all other food vendors in 2030.

What is Expanded Polystyrene (EPS)?

EPS is a foam material commonly known as "Styrofoam" that is mainly used in the restaurant industry for take-out containers. The reason it is harmful to the environment is that it is found to be non-biodegradable and releases toxic chemicals into the earth that contribute to global warming.





How can the Litter Committee help your business?

Through a grant provided by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the Clarke County Litter Committee would like to offer your business samples of container alternatives. If you are interested, please email litterfree@clarkecounty.gov and let us know what types of take-out containers you would like samples of (clamshell, cups, bowls, etc). The Litter Committee can also provide you various online resources and a list of distributors to contact for pricing details.

What can you do?

Start planning and budgeting now for the future by consulting with your distributors to learn more about costs of acceptable materials and how it will affect your business.

To learn more about this law and about expanded polystyrene, please visit: https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title10.1/chapter14/section10.1-1424.3/ or https://www.deq.virginia.gov/get-involved/pollution-prevention/greening-of-government/waste-reduction/resources





Polystyrene takeout container ban delayed five years

By Patrick Larsen

Published July 5, 2022 at 5:12 PM EDT













Rich Pedroncelli/AP / AP

A person eats lunch out of a plastic foam container in Sacramento, Calif. A measure by Virginia lawmakers to bar restaurants from using polystyrene foam take-out containers was delayed by five years in this year's budget. (File photo: Rich Pedroncelli/AP)

Virginia legislators pushed back a statewide commitment to ban polystyrene foam to-go containers by five years in the new state budget. Now, restaurants with 20 or more locations in the state have until 2028 to phase out the containers, while smaller businesses have until 2030.

Expanded polystyrene foam (not to be confused with the brand name Styrofoam) is a



It's also among the most pernicious of pollutants. It's lightweight, meaning it easily blows away, and it doesn't biodegrade. Its porous nature makes it a sponge of sorts — often picking up harmful chemicals while it's moved by wind or water.

Katie Register of Clean Virginia Waterways, a nonprofit program based at Longwood University that researches, educates on and cleans up plastic waste from Virginia's water, said polystyrene is one of the most commonly used — and trashed — plastics worldwide. And, she said, it contributes to microplastics pollution on land and in water.

"[Polystyrene is] the kind of plastic that if you break it up, you end up with lots of little, tiny pellets," which Register said tend to look like the eggs of frogs or other small animals.

Virginia became one of the earliest states nationwide to pass a ban on polystyrene takeout containers in 2021. It was set to take effect in 2023 for chains with 20 or more locations and 2025 for the rest of the state's restaurants — until being adjusted by this year's budget.

Robert Melvin is the director of government affairs for the Virginia Restaurant, Lodging and Travel Association, which lobbied for the change. He told VPM News the five-year delay in Virginia's polystyrene ban was largely an economic decision with the bottom line of small restaurateurs in mind.

"This problem is acutely impacting the hospitality industry, including the restaurants we represent," Melvin said.

Costs for small business owners have always been a part of the discussion, since expanded polystyrene containers are very cheap. But Melvin said supply-chain issues — brought on in part by skyrocketing takeout demand during the initial COVID-19 lockdowns — have increased costs on all types of takeout containers, exacerbating the burden of phasing out polystyrene.

Register agreed that alternatives are more expensive but argued that increased demand brought on by government mandates for more environmentally friendly



"I really don't think large food chains need an additional five years to figure out how to work to reduce this form of plastic pollution," Register said.

Melvin said there are other environmental considerations to make. Primarily, he cited the advanced recycling industry – which Gov. Glenn Youngkin threw his support behind earlier this year in an executive order.

Advanced recycling is a growing industry which mostly uses chemicals and heat to break plastics down into their constituent parts, which can then be reused. There are applications for polystyrene in the field, though recycling rates for the foam in the U.S. are low — the EPA recorded a rate of less than 1% in 2018.

Youngkin's order also repealed a plastic bottle ban for state agencies.

Register argued that developing a new industry to recycle polystyrene and other plastics misses the point of waste reduction.

"You notice that your bathtub is overflowing, water all over the floor. The first thing you do is not stop to clean it up, the first thing you do is turn off the faucet," Register said.

Alongside Youngkin's executive order, state boards and lawmakers have been considering policies that would increase access to all types of recycling in the commonwealth as an alternative to landfilling or incineration for energy. Some local recycling programs have collapsed in recent years after China stopped importing recyclable plastic, greatly reducing demand.

Data from the Department of Environmental Quality says Virginia achieved a 45% general recycling rate in 2020.



Code of Virginia
Title 10.1. Conservation
Chapter 14. Virginia Waste Management Act

§ 10.1-1424.3. Expanded polystyrene food service containers prohibited; civil penalty.

A. Beginning July 1, 2023, no food vendor that is a restaurant or similar retail food establishment and is part of a chain with 20 or more locations offering for sale substantially the same menu items and doing business under the same name, regardless of the form of ownership of such locations, shall dispense prepared food to a customer in an expanded polystyrene food service container.

Beginning July 1, 2025, no food vendor of any type shall dispense prepared food to a customer in an expanded polystyrene food service container.

B. Any food vendor may request from the locality in which it is located an exemption from the provisions of subsection A. The locality may grant the exemption if the food vendor demonstrates to the satisfaction of the locality that compliance with subsection A would impose an undue economic hardship on the food vendor. For the purposes of this subsection, "undue economic hardship" means a situation in which (i) a food vendor has no reasonable alternative to the expanded polystyrene food service containers in use by that food vendor and (ii) compliance with subsection A would cause significant economic hardship to that food vendor. A locality may so exempt a food vendor for a period of not more than one year from the date of the exemption. A food vendor granted such an exemption may reapply to the locality before the expiration of the exemption, and the locality may grant an additional exemption from the provisions of subsection A not to exceed one year for each such reapplication if the food vendor demonstrates a continuing undue economic hardship at the time of reapplication to the satisfaction of the locality.

C. Any person who violates any provision of this section, upon such finding by an appropriate circuit court, shall be assessed a civil penalty of not more than \$50 for each day of such violation. Any civil penalties assessed pursuant to this section in a civil action brought by the Attorney General in the name of the Commonwealth shall be paid into the state treasury and deposited by the State Treasurer into the Litter Control and Recycling Fund. Any civil penalty assessed pursuant to this section in a civil action brought by a locality shall be paid into the treasury of the locality, except where the violator of this section is the locality or its agent, in which case the civil penalty shall be paid into the state treasury and deposited by the State Treasurer into the Fund.

D. The Department shall post to its website information on how to comply with this section and how to file a complaint for a violation of this section.

2021, Sp. Sess. I, c. <u>262</u>.

List of Distributors that provide alternative EPS containers and products:

List of Distributors that provide afternative
http://www.stockboxes.net/
https://www.finelinesettings.com/
https://www.finelinesettings.com/
www.acmepaper.com
www.anchorpackaging.com
www.becompostable.com
www.berryglobal.com
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Ecopax PP containers and plates





PP203-BK







150 (2 sleeve of 75) Case Size - 18.50" x 9.45" x 13.39" Case Cube - 1.35 ft² 9.25" x 6.50" x 2.25", 1-comp, PP Gross Case Weight - 18.00 lbs T/Hi - 10 x 7

300 (2 sleeve of 150) Case Size - 19.21 "x 16.93" x 13.39" Case Cube - 2.52 ft³

480 (4 sleeves of 120) Case Size - 24,33" x 17,72 " x 12,20" Case Cube - 3,4 ft²

6.00" x 6.00" x 3.25", 1-comp, PP

Gross Case Weight - 15.20 lbs TI/Hi - 7 x 6

Gross Case Weight - 19,00 lbs TiMi - 4 x 8

8.13" x 6.5" x 2.63", 1-comp, PP

Gross Case Weight - 19,51 lbs TI/Hi - 12 x 6



O Novy Black Case Size - 20,50" x 9,00" x 18,50" 9,13" x 8,81" x 3.00", 3-comp, PP Case Cube - 1.98 ft³ Gross Case Weight - 28.00 lbs Ti/Hi - 10 x 4 150 (1 sleeve of 150)

O Nony Black

Case Size - 20.50" x 9.00" x 18.50" Case Cube - 1.98 ft² Gross Case Weight - 28.00 lbs TuHi - 10 x 4 9.13" x 8.81" x 3.00", 1-comp, 150 (1 sleeve of 150)

Case Size - 18.50" x 8.25" x 17.00" 8.00"x 8.00"x 3.00", 1-comp, PP

Case Cube - 1.50 ft³ Gross Case Weight - 22.00 lbs 150 (1 sleeve of 150)

Case Size - 18.50" x 8.25" x 17.00"

Ti/Hi - 10 x S







/ Containers: Snap locks keep food secure; one piece hinged-lid construction, promotes operational efficiency

PP091, PP093 Novy Black 9" Plates, 183 comp, PP, 400 (2 sleeve of 200)

PP622-BK

Case Size: 18.11" x 9.09" x 9.09"

Case Cube - 0.87 ft3

O Nony Black

Effective barrier against moisture and grease / Suitable for both cold and hot applications

/ Custom mold and embossment options are

10.25" Plates, 183 comp, PP, 400 (2 sleeve of 200) Case Size: 18.50" x 10.43" x 10,43"

Gross Case Weight - 27.99 lbs • TI/Hi - 9 x 8

Case Cube - 1.04 ft1

Gross Case Weight - 19,94 lbs • TI/Hi - 10 x 9

PP101, PP103

Case Size - 19.02" x 8.50" x 14.02" Case Cube - 1.32 ft²

Gross Case Weight - 13.00 lbs TJ/Hi - 10 x 6

available for tailored end-use applications



Pebble Product Guide

Pebble Features:



Made with 40% Earth minerals

- Certified BPA and PFAS free
- Suitable for hot or cold food
- Snap locks keep food secure
- · Ultra durable
- · Grease and moisture resistant
- Microwave-Safe and cut resistant
- Elegant presentation for a high-end look
- · Reduced use of plastic results in smaller environmental footprint







Pebble 2-piece (PCO Series)

- · Textured exterior design reinforces strength and durability
- · Stackable for easy takeout
- Sturdy one piece hinge-lid construction promotes operational efficiency
- · Optional vent holes to keep food crispy (883/993 series)
- · Premium transparent lid enhances food presentation







Pebble Plates

- · Plates are ultra durable, cut and grease-resistant, microwaveable
- \cdot Stackable for easy takeout with transparent PET cover and secure locking system
- · Ideal for quick-service restaurants, catering and hospitality industry

	Part#	Description	Case Pack	Case Cube	Case Length	Case Width	Case Height	TI	н	Case Wt
	PP203-BK-300	8.13" x 6.5" x 2.63", 1-compartment, Black, PP, Hinge Container, 300 count, 2/150/300	300	2.52	19.21	16.93	13.39	7	6	30
	PP206	9.25" x 6.5" x 2.25", 1-compartment, Ivory, PP, Hinge Container, 150 count	150	1.35	18.50	9.45	13.39	10	7	18
	PP206-BK	9.25" x 6.5" x 2.25", 1-compartment, Black, PP, Hinge Container, 150 count	150	1.35	18.50	9.45	13.39	10	7	18
	PP225	6" x 6" x 3.25", 1-compartment, Ivory, PP, Hinge Container, 250 count, 2/125/250	250	1.54	18.00	12.13	12.20	8	8	19
	PP225-BK-480	6" x 6" x 3.25", 1-compartment, Black, PP, Hinge Container, 480 count, 4/120/480	480	3.04	24.33	17.72	12.20	4	8	31
	PP241	7.88" x 8" x 2.75", 3-compartment, Ivory, PP, Hinge Container, 150 count	150	1.33	18.50	7.87	15.75	12	6	20
MOG	PP622-BK	7.438" x 3.50" x 2.188" Small Hot Dog Container, 1-compartment, Black, PP, Hinge Container, 300 count, 150/2/300	300	1.31	19.02	8.50	14.02	10	6	13
Pennie box	PP883	8" x 8" x 3", 3-compartment, Ivory, PP, Hinge Container, 150 count	150	1.50	18.50	8.25	17.00	10	4	24
7	PP883-BK	8" x 8" x 3", 3-compartment, Black, PP, Hinge Con-tainer, 150 count	150	1.50	18.50	8.25	17.00	10	4	24
	PP883S	8" x 8" x 3", 1-compartment, Ivory, PP, Hinge Container, 150 count	150	1.50	18.50	8.25	17.00	10	4	24
	PP883S-BK	8" x 8" x 3", 1-compartment, Black, PP, Hinge Con-tainer, 150 count	150	1.50	18.50	8.25	17.00	10	4	24
	PP993	9.125" x 8.81" x 3", 3-compartment, Ivory, PP, Hinge Container, 150 count	150	1.98	20.50	9.00	18.50	10	4	29
	PP993-BK	9.125" x 8.81" x 3", 3-compartment, Black, PP, Hinge Container, 150 count	150	1.98	20.50	9.00	18.50	10	4	29
	PP993S	9.125" x 8.81" x 3", 1-compartment, Ivory, PP, Hinge Container, 150 count	150	1.98	20.50	9.00	18.50	10	4	29
	PP993S-BK	9.125" x 8.81" x 3", 1-compartment, Black, PP, Hinge Container, 150 count	150	1.98	20.50	9.00	18.50	10	4	29
	PP091	9" Plate, 1-compartment, Ivory, PP, 400 count, 200/2/400	400	0.87	18.11	9.09	9.09	10	8	21
	PP091-BK	9" Plate, 1-compartment, Black, PP, 400 count, 200/2/400	400	0.87	18.11	9.09	9.09	10	8	21
ទ	PP093	9" Plate, 3-compartment, Ivory, PP, 400 count, 200/2/400	400	0.87	18.11	9.09	9.09	10	8	21
Plate	PP093-BK	9" Plate, 3-compartment, Black, PP, 400 count, 200/2/400	400	0.87	18.11	9.09	9.09	10	8	21
Pepple Plat	PP101	10.25" Plate, 1-compartment, Ivory, PP, 400 count, 200/2/400	400	1.16	18.50	10.43	10.43	10	7	29
T D	PP101-BK	10.25" Plate, 1-compartment, Black, PP, 400 count, 200/2/400	400	1.16	18.50	10.43	10.43	10	7	29
	PP103	10.25" Plate, 3-compartment, Ivory, PP, 400 count, 200/2/400	400	1.16	18.50	10.43	10.43	10	7	29
	PP103-BK	10.25" Plate, 3-compartment, Black, PP, 400 count, 200/2/400	400	1.16	18.50	10.43	10.43	10	7	29
	PCO225-BK-320	6" x 6" x 3", 1-compartment, black base, clear lid, non-vented, PP, 320 units combo pack	320	1.89	23.50	11.80	11.80	6	8	23.5
ece	PCO883-BK-150	8" x 8" x 3", 3-compartment, black base, clear lid, vented, PP, 150 units combo pack	150	1.74	22.19	8.50	16.44	9	6	17
e Z-Piece	PCO883S-BK-150	8" x 8" x 3", 1-compartment, black base, clear lid, vented, PP, 150 units combo pack	150	1.74	22.19	8.50	16.44	9	6	17
Peddie	PCO993-BK-150	9" x 9" x 3", 3-compartment, black base, clear lid, vented, PP, 150 units combo pack	150	2.36	24.00	9.25	18.38	4	9	18.5
	PCO993S-BK-150	9" x 9" x 3", 1-compartment, black base, clear lid, vented, PP, 150 units combo pack	150	2.36	24.00	9.25	18.38	4	9	18.5

Fiber Hinged Containers

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Compostable Item



- Tough and durable containers that stand up to grease and cuts
- Grab-and-go containers that emphasize convenience
- Choose from sizes 6" to 9"
- 3-compartment options available
- Made from natural, sustainable, and compostable fiber
 - Microwave and freezer safe
- Commercially compostable

Hinged Containers



8" Hinged Container

MATERIAL: BAGASSE STATUS: STOCK SKU: BCS09

CASE PACK: 200 (4/50) DIM: 17.9x16.7x8.9 UPC: 184462000553 CUBE: 1.54

> WEIGHT: 14.30 TI/HI: 10/3

CASE PACK: 250 (5/50) MATERIAL: BAGASSE

STATUS: STOCK

SKU: B003

DIM: 24.8x12.6x6.7

CUBE: 1.21

UPC: 184462000294







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SKU: BC5093
STATUS: STOCK
MATERIAL: BAGASSE
CASE PACK: 200 (4/50)
DIM: 17.9x16.7x8.9 WEIGHT: 21.20
CUBE: 1.54 TI/HI: 4/5
UPC: 184462000751

SKU: BC510
STATUS: STOCK
MATERIAL: BAGASSE
CASE PACK: 200 (4/50)
DIN: 19.1X17.3X10
CUBE: 1.9.1

WEIGHT: 29.30

TI/HI: 4/4

UPC: 18446200584



9" x 6" Hinged Hoagie Container

9" Hinged Container - 3-Compartments

SKU: BG5103
STATUS: STOCK
MATERIAL: BAGASSE
CASE PACK: 200 (4/50)
DIM: 19.1x18.9x10.2
UPC: 184462000560

STATUS: STOCK
TI/HI: 4/4

MATERIAL: BAGASSE

STATUS: STOCK

SKU: BCS06

CASE PACK: 200 (4/50)
DIN: 15.4x13x9.8
CUBE: 1.14
UPC: 812855010161

WEIGHT: 15.90

TI/HI: 9/4





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Our Price: \$57.50 Case Quantity: 200 Unit Price: \$0.207

Perfect for a whole meal!

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Technical Specia Description

OUR MOST POPULAR BIODEGRADABLE TO GO BOX FOR FOOD SERVICE

This hinged, single compartment medium take out container can take home a whole meal. When you don't really need 9°, save a little money with this just slightly sm - 100% tree and plastic free!

- Single compatition.

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 Naturally oil and cut reciding.

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COMPOSTABLE CLAMSHELLS: Wheat Straw or Bagasse

- Made from agricultural fiber waste (wheat straw left after threshing or sugarcane fiber waste pulp left after juice extraction)
- Sustainable replacements for plastic, styrofoam and paper disposables
- Composts within 1-4 months depending on composting conditions
- No wax or plastic lining, microwave & freezer safe.
- Conform to FDA guidelines for food use.
- Usable for hot foods up to 190F

Manufacturer Item Code	Product Description	Case/ Qty	Cube	Gross Weight (lbs)	Configuration L x W x H	Configuration TI x HI Pallet
TO-SC-U15B	6x6x3 Single Cmpt (Unbleached), 15oz	500	1.9	27.0	12.6 x 12.0 x 21.3	12/4
TO-SC-U20	7x5x2.5 Single Cmpt (Unbleached), 20oz	600	2.6	30.0	21.0 x 14.0 x 15.0	6/5
TO-SC-U34D	9x6x2.5 Double Cmpt (Unbleached), 34oz	500	3.3	38.5	22.3 x 19.1 x 13.4	4/6
TO-SC-U85-3	8x8.5x2 7/8 Single Cmpt (Unbleached)	300	2.0	31.0	17.8 x 16.5 x 11.6	6/7
TO-SC-U9	9x9x3 Single Cmpt (Unbleached)	300	2.4	34.0	18.7 x 12.0 x 18.3	8/4
TO-SC-U9T	9x9x3 Three Cmpt (Unbleached)	300	2.5	34.0	18.7 x 12.4 x 18.3	8/4
TO-SC-U96T	9.6x9x3 Three Cmpt (Unbleached)	250	1.8	33.0	19.0 x 10.0 x 16.0	6/4

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Huhtamaki molded fiber hinged containers

Huhtamaki hinged containers provide a sturdy and versatile solution to serve, carry out or deliver hot and cold foods with confidence.

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Molded fiber hinged containers

- · Strong enough to withstand heavy food.
- Stackable for easy delivery and take-home portability.
- Insulates to maintain food temperature during dine-in or carry-out.
- Customizable embossing available to highlight your brand.

Sustainable Features

- Made from bagasse, a byproduct of the sugar cane harvesting process.
- Produced with natural fibers from an annually renewable resource.

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Item	Item Description	Case Pack	Case Pack Case Weight	Case Cube	Length	Length Width	Height	F	Ξ
8001A	8001A Small Hinged Container 6"x6"x3"	400 (4/100)	21.30	1.52	15.35	15.35 12.99	13.19	0	ო
8002A	8002A Hoagle Hinged Container 6"x9"x3"	200 (2/100)	15.40	1.10	14.57	14.57 12.99	10.04	0	4
8003A	8003A Medium Hinged Container 8"x8"x3"	200 (2/100)	17,40	1.14	17.72	17.72 13.19	8,46	9	2
8004A	8004A Medium 3-Comp Hinged Container 8'x8'x3"	200 (2/100)	17.40	1.33	18.11	18.11 14.37	8.86	•	S
8005A	8005A Large Hinged Container 9"x9"x3"	200 (2/100)	20.70	1.56	18.90	18.90 14.17	10.04	9	41
8006A	8006A Large 3-Comp Hinged Container 9*x9"x3"	200 (2/100)	20.70	1.56	18.90	18.90 14.17	10.04	-0	4
8007A	8007A Large Catering Hinged Container 9"x13"x3"	100 (2/50)	17.20	1.35	18.31	8.86	14.37	10	(c)



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ECO-FRIENDLY PLA HINGED CONTAINERS

Material PLA Plastic Size 6" x 6", 8" x 8", 9 x 5", 9" x 9" Designs Clear



Karat Earth® PLA hinged containers will secure your to-go orders and help make a positive impact on the environment. These eco-friendly hinged containers are made out of PLA which is a renewable resource that can be composted back into the earth. Karat Earth hinged containers are available in multiple sizes allowing customers to take any meal to-go.

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ITEM#	DESCRIPTION	LENGTH (INCHES)	WIDTH (INCHES)	HEIGHT (INCHES)	CASE CUBE (CU. FT)	GROSS WEIGHT (LBS)	NET WEIGHT (LBS)	CASES/ TIERS	TIERS/ Pallets	PALLET CONFIG.	SLEEVES PER CASE	COUNT PER SLEEVE	CASE (PCS/ CASE)	UPC CODE
KE-HC66PLA-1C	6" x 6" PLA Hinged Container - 1 Comportment	22.04	17.32	12.2	2.70	19.18	17.86	4	7	28	4	125	200	814756028566
KE-HC88PLA-1C	8" x 8" PLA Hinged Container - 1 Compartment	17.32	16.54	16.54	2.74	20.08	18.74	9	4	24	2	125	250	814756028573
KE-HC95PLA-1C	9" x 5" PLA Hinged Container - 1 Comportment	18.3	17.32	11.61	2.13	15.1	13.78	16	2	32	2	125	250	814756028580
KE-HC99PLA-1C	9" x 9" PLA Hinged Container - 1 Compartment	18.11	13.77	18.89	2.73	22.05	20.72	7	4	28	2	100	200	814756028597
KE-HDC8	8 oz. PLA Hinged Container	20.08	10.43	12.01	1.46	8.38	6.17	10	2	20	2	100	200	810009919285
KE-HDC12	12 oz. PLA Hinged Contoiner	20.87	10.63	12.2	1.57	9.26	7.05	80	2	40	2	100	200	810009919292
KE-HDC16	16 oz. PLA Hinged Contoiner	22.44	10.63	12.01	1.66	10.58	8.38	∞	50	40	2	100	200	810009919308
KE-HDC24	24 oz. PLA Hinged Contoiner	22.44	13.19	15.35	2.63	14.99	12.78	9	4	24	2	100	200	810009919315
KE-HDC32	32 oz. PLA Hinged Container	22.44	13.19	15.35	2.63	15.87	13.66	9	4	24	2	100	200	810009919322

2023 Thinking Ahead: Litter Committee Event Ideas, Etc.

JANUARY

- Planning for 2023 (meeting dates, event dates, pick up events, list of goals, website discussion)
- Clarke Monthly Write Up

FEBRUARY

- Adopt-a-Road Pick Up Event
- Equipment Needs and Sign Design

MARCH

- Planning for Earth Day Pick Up Event
- Clarke Monthly Write Up
- Equipment and Sign Purchasing

APRIL

- 4/16/23 Pick Up With Shenandoah River Keepers (All boat ramps)*
- EPS campaign delivery (order signage after contest winners are announced)*

MAY

- Host a tent and gain volunteers at the Farmer's market?
- Adopt-a-Highway Pick Up Event*
- Clarke Monthly Write Up

JUNE

- Rt 7/340 Roadside Pick Up Event
- All Litter Grant expenditures must be made by end of month

JULY

- Chet Hobert Pick Up Event
- Clarke Monthly Write Up

AUGUST

- Clarke County Fair (Do we want to do another tent and pick up?)
- Adopt-A-Road Pick Up Event

SEPTEMBER

- River Cleanup (Rt 7 Boat Landing)
- Clarke Monthly Write Up
- Fiber Festival and Watermelon Pickers' Fest at the Fairgrounds (Pick Up Event at end of the month?)

OCTOBER

- Do we want to participate in the Halloween parade?
- River Cleanup (Locke's Landing and Route 50 bridge)

NOVEMBER

- Do we want to do a festive parking meter? (Applications are due mid-November)
- Adopt-A-Road Pick Up Event
- Clarke Monthly Write Up

DECEMBER

Parade (applications are due first week in December)



Photo 1. Empty oil tanks with residue.



Photo 2. Partly full oil drums.



Photo 3. General debris.



Photo 4. General debris.



Photo 5. General debris.



Photo 6. General debris.



Photo 7. General debris.

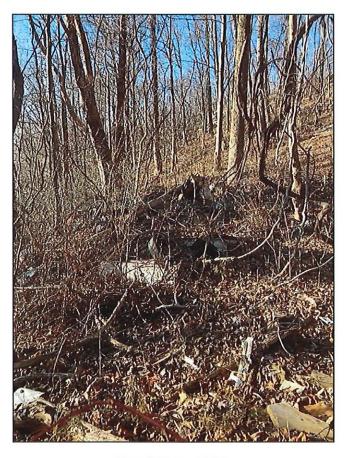


Photo 8. General debris.



Photo 9. General debris – possible iron for recycling.



Photo 10. General debris – possible iron for recycling.



CLARKE COUNTY LITTER COMMITTEE - EARTH DAY ART / SLOGAN COMPETITION

<u>Schools Involved</u>: DG Cooley, Boyce, JWMS, Powhatan

Contest Period: March 13 – April 13, 2023

Prize: Invite to Josephine Street tree-planting, date TBD; Artwork/Slogan on display; Sign placement

throughout the County

<u>Category 1</u> – Artwork – Create a Painting or Drawing no bigger than 8" x 11" that captures the beauty of Clarke County

<u>Category 2</u> – Slogan – Create a Slogan in 10 words or less that encourages Clarke County citizens and visitors alike to treat Clarke County and its beautiful environment with respect. Ex.: "Keep Clarke Clean"

<u>Category 3</u> – Art/Slogan – Create a Painting or Drawing no bigger than 8" x 11" that incorporates a Slogan of 10 words or less and combines the directives of Categories 1 & 2.

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Subject	Clarke County Litter Committee - Adopt-a-Highway Application
From	Kristina Maddox <kmaddox@clarkecounty.gov></kmaddox@clarkecounty.gov>
То	Cathy.Hottle <cathy.hottle@vdot.virginia.gov></cathy.hottle@vdot.virginia.gov>
Date	Friday March 3, 2023 2:56:36 PM

Good afternoon Ms. Hottle,

Please see the attached application from the Clarke County Litter Committee to adopt sections of three connecting roads - Senseny Rd (657) west of its junction with Triple J to the Clarke/Frederick county line (2.2 miles), the junction with Senseny Rd (657) south ending at the junction with Opequon Rd (655) (.6 miles), and also Opequon Rd (655) to the Frederick/Clarke county line (.8 miles). I've attached a map for further clarification, however, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your assistance and I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best regards, Kristina

Kristina Maddox
Office Manager / Zoning Officer
Clarke County Planning Department
101 Chalmers Court, Suite B
Berryville, VA 22611
(540) 955-5132

Attachments

2023 Clarke County Litter Committee_Adopt-a-Highway Application.pdf (1.05 MB)



Virginia Department of Transportation

Adopt-A-Highway Permit Application

Those person(s) associated with the group named below intend to enhance the environment and improve the appearance of local roadsides through organized litter pickups, and request permission to "Adopt-A-Highway."

Name of Group/Individual: Clarke County Litter Committee

Type of Group (please circle the closest match): Family/friends -- Individual -- Business -- School group -- Community Group -- Faith-based Organization -- Private Club -- Government/military -- Miscellaneous/other

Primary Contact: Kris	tina Maddox	Secondary Contact:	Brandon Stidham
Email Address: kma	ddox@clarkecounty.gov	Email Address:	bstidham@clarkecounty.gov
Phone (home): n/a	(work): 540-955-5132	Phone (home): n/a	(work): 540-955-5130
Mailing Address: 101 Chalm	ners Court, Suite B	Mailing Address: 101	Chalmers Court, Suite B
City: Berryville	State: VA ZIP: 22611	City: Berryville	State: VA ZIP: 22611

The work will be performed under and in accordance with the Virginia Department of Transportation's Adopt-A-Highway *Conditions* and *Safety Guidelines*, both attached to this permit and incorporated herein by reference. The permit authorizing this work is issued under the VDOT *Land Use Permit Manual* 24 VAC 30-151-10 et seq.

Applicants to whom permits are issued shall at all times indemnify and save harmless the Commonwealth Transportation Board, members of the Board, the Commonwealth, and all Commonwealth employees, agents and officers, from responsibility, damage or liability arising from the exercise of the privileges granted in such permits.

The Virginia Department of Transportation may terminate this permit at any time the applicants do not comply with the permit or at any time, the applicants' work is deemed unsafe or causes a conflict with traffic. The Department reserves the right to revise or discontinue the Adopt-A-Highway program at any time.

Adopt-A-Highway Application (page 2)

Safety Information

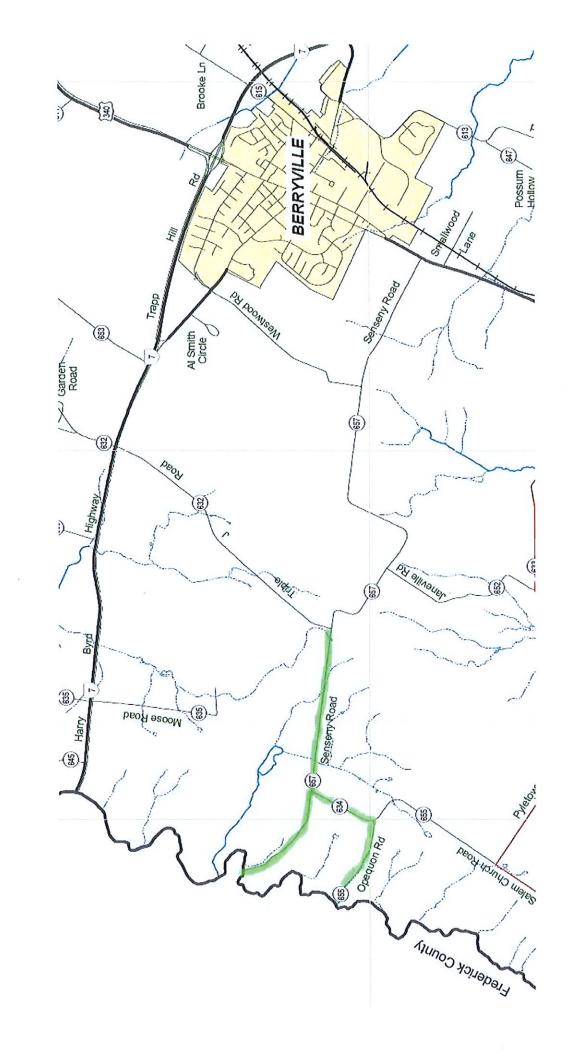
Number of persons between the ages of 10 and 18 participating 10+	r age 10 can
participate in the program. If there are persons ages 10-17, how many adults will be partic	cipating 10+
Describe any special safety precautions that might be required due to a participant's cond	ition (e.g., uses a
wheelchair)	
There are no special safety precautions at this time.	,
Route Information (if you are adopting more than one route, please provide additional inform	ation on the back)
Permission is requested to "adopt" a section of Route 657 (Senseny Rd) or	
Park & Ride parking lot in County. The section begins at	
Rt 657 (Senseny) west of its junction with Triple J Rd	and ends at
the Clarke/Frederick county line	for a total of
2 .2 miles.	
We request the following title to appear on the Adopt-A-Highway sign (limit to 48 cl spaces) Clarke County Litter Committee I have read and I understand the Adopt-A-Highway Conditions and the Adopt-A-Highway Safety Guidelines regarding program:	
Applicant's signature Wishing Maddex Date 3/3	12023
Please return this completed form to:	
Coordinator:	
Residency:	
Address:	
City/Zip:Phone:	

Adopt-A-Highway Application (page 3)

Additional Routes

Perm	ission is requested to "adopt" a section of Route 634 (Salem Church Rd)	
or	Park & Ride parking lot in	County. The section
begin	s atthe junction with Senseny Rd south	and ends at
	the junction with Opequon Road (655)	for a total of 0.6
miles		
Perm	ission is requested to "adopt" a section of Route Opequon Rd in Clarke	County.
The	section begins at	
	Opequon Rd	and ends at
	the Frederick/Clarke County line	
mile		
Notes Pleas	e see the attached map with highlighted roads in lime green. Thank you.	
PERMISS Sections 33	ON is hereby given insofar as the Commonwealth Transportation Board has the right, pow. 1-12(3).1-197, and 33.1-198 of the Code of Virginia (1950) as amended, to grant by permit in to perform the work as described.	er, and authority under
Residence	y Administrator: Date:	
8/2020 F	ev	

Roads under consideration for VDOT adoption are shown in lime green. Sections of Senseny Road, Salem Church Road, and Opequon Road. September 2022



Bag It, Move It or Leave It?



Volunteers Cleaning Virginia 1-800-PRIDE-VA

Adopt-a-Highway instructions for handling roadside litter

If you've ever wondered what to do with something you've found on the roadside, consult the list below to find out whether it is an item you should bag, an item you should move and stack alongside your stacked bags or an item you should leave where you found it. Make a note of any item you are leaving and mark it with a trash bag if you think a VDOT crew would have trouble finding it.

Bag It

These items may be placed in a bag:

- Small items made of paper, cardboard, plastic, Styrofoam, wood, rubber, glass, or metal provided that the item does not have sharp edges.
- Small, empty containers provided they don't have sharp edges.

Move It

These items should be placed alongside your stacked bags at the edge of the shoulder:

- Items with dull, pointed edges that might tear a bag.
- Large items that would prevent a bag from being properly tied closed.
- Heavy items that could tear a bag, provided that the item can be moved without causing physical injury.
- Containers that are not empty if the contents won't spill when moved and you can identify the product as one that is not hazardous. If you suspect that an item contains urine, do not move it.

If in doubt, leave it alone!

Leave It

These items should be left where found without taking further action:

- Sharp, large, or heavy items that could cause physical injury if moved.
- Any item in an unsafe location (within six feet of a traffic lane, on unstable ground, etc.).

Report these items to your local VDOT office that day, or on the next working day, during normal business hours.

- Items you are not permitted to bag or move that will not be easily visible to the VDOT crew collecting your filled bags. If possible place a filled bag near to the item to mark its location.
- Securely close items containing hazardous substances.*

Report these items to your local VDOT office that same day. If you are unable to speak directly with a VDOT employee, call 911 to report the item:

- Any item that you cannot identify and suspect may be hazardous.
- Unclosed or leaking items containing hazardous substances.*

Call 911 if you find the following kinds of items. If you do not have access to a cell phone then someone other than your group leader must leave the site to make a call. Then, unless advised to leave the area, the leader must stay at the site until a law enforcement officer or VDOT representative arrives.

- Items with a hazardous material label.*
- Items that could pose an immediate danger.*
- Items that could be crime-scene evidence.*
- Items emitting a strong odor.

* Keep a safe distance away from the item and do not disturb it in any way!

- A. Concern for the safety of the participants, passing motorists or VDOT employees,
- B. Expenses to VDOT above the normal Adopt-a-Highway program expenses, or
- C. Effectiveness of the participants' litter-control efforts.
- 19. VDOT reserves the right to limit the number of adoptions for a single group and to limit shared adoptions to areas of identified need. For shared adoptions, each group must file a separate permit and participate in four pickups annually.

Safety Conditions

1. Before a group applies to adopt a particular highway, the group's Contact Person should examine the road on the days and during the hours that the group intends to perform pickups to determine if roadside conditions during those times are appropriate for the ages and abilities of the group's members.

Once the group has adopted a particular roadway, if at any time it feel its adopted section of highway has become unsafe for litter pickups, the group's Contact Person must contact the local VDOT Adopt-a-Highway coordinator. Local VDOT residency offices are listed online at VDOT Adopt-a-Highway <u>Adoption Coordinators (/programs/prog-aah-coords.asp</u>). VDOT will assign the group a section of roadway with which it is more comfortable.

- 2. Participants must hold at least one safety meeting per year to review VDOT-supplied safety information. No one may participate in a pickup unless he or she has attended this meeting within the last 12 months. The participating group may hold the safety meeting immediately before a pickup; however, this meeting must be held in a safe, appropriate area, such as a parking lot.
- 3. The participants are responsible for putting up or opening the "Cleanup Crew Working" signs before each pickup, and for removing or closing the sign after they have finished that day's pickup. These signs alert passing motorists that Adopta-Highway volunteers are on the side of the road ahead. If the signs are left open when no pickups are being conducted, motorists will begin to ignore the signs, creating a serious safety risk for Adopt-a-Highway volunteers when they are on the roadside.
- 4. Adopt-a-Highway groups must provide at least one adult supervisor for every six children under 18 years old. For example: a group of between one and six children would need one supervisor, and a group of between seven and 12 children would need two adult supervisors.

Adopt-a-Highway

Terms and Conditions

General Conditions

- 1. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is offering for "adoption" certain two-mile sections of state-maintained highways. Before offering these roadways, VDOT determines that they are safe and appropriate for adoption.
- 2. Under special circumstances, sections of road less than two miles long and dead-end roads may be adopted. Contact the local VDOT Adopt-a-Highway coordinator (/programs/prog-aah-coords.asp) for details.
- 3. The local Adopt-a-Highway coordinator is the VDOT contact for adopting groups and individuals. Interested persons and groups should contact the coordinator at the local VDOT residency office listed in the telephone book or online at VDOT Adopt-a-Highway Adoption Coordinators (/programs/prog-aah-coords.asp). Information is also available by e-mailing AdoptaHighway@VDOT.Virginia.gov (mailto:AdoptaHighway@VDOT.Virginia.gov)
- 4. Local businesses, informal groups and formal organizations, such as civic, social or school groups, may adopt highways. VDOT will print the names of the organization or the adopting group in block letters on the blue and white Adopt-a-Highway signs. No slogans or logos are allowed.



Main (/programs/prog-aah-default.asp) | FAQs (/programs /prog-aah-faqs.asp) | Adopt (/programs/prog-aah-about-adoption.asp)

News (/programs/prog-aah-pickupexpmain.asp) | Report (/programs/prog-aah-report.asp) | Safety (/programs/prog-aah-safety.asp)

Terms and conditions (/programs /prog-aah-terms.asp)

Adoption coordinators (/programs/prog-aah-coords.asp)

- 5. Individuals 18 years old or older may adopt highways (please see the "Safety Conditions" below for rules regarding participants under 18 years old).
- 6. Adopting groups agree to pick up litter on both sides of the roadway at least two times a year.
- Participants adopt for a period of three years, after which they may renew their contract, modify their contract (example: choose a different section of highway), or end their contract.
- 8. The adopting organization's Contact Person is responsible for ensuring that ANYONE who participates in a pickup under the adopting organization's permit has first received VDOT-supplied safety information, safety vests and trash bags.
- 9. The organization's Contact Person must visit a VDOT residency or area maintenance headquarters at least a week before a scheduled pickup. At that time, VDOT will supply the Contact Person with safety information, safety vests, and plastic trash bags for every member of the adopting group's cleanup crew.
- 10. On a group's original application and throughout a group's involvement with the Adopt-a-Highway program, the Contact Person in the group must inform VDOT of the ages of ANYONE under 18 years old who will participate in any of the group's pickups. This requirement includes children of the group's members, or any other children who are allowed by the adopting group to participate in a pickup. Children under age 10 may not participate.
- 11. The Contact Person also is responsible for notifying VDOT on the original application and throughout the group's involvement in the adoption if any of the group's participants has a condition that might necessitate special safety precautions (example: if a pickup participant uses a wheelchair).
- 12. VDOT will provide the group with large orange "Cleanup Crew Working" signs to place under the Adopt-a-Highway sign during each pick up.
- 13. VDOT will pay for producing, installing and maintaining the blue Adopt-a-Highway signs.
- 14. If the adopting group does not plan to dispose of the filled trash bags, the Contact Person must notify the local VDOT office of the date and location of the intended pickup so that VDOT can schedule a work crew to dispose of the trash bags during the following week.
- 15. VDOT encourages participants to separate and recycle materials.
- 16. After each pickup, the Contact Person must complete a Pickup Report Card (pre-addressed cards that are furnished by VDOT at the time of adoption) and send it to the local VDOT residency via U.S. mail or online at VDOT Adopta-Highway Pickup Report (/programs/prog-aah-report.asp). Pickups can also be reported by calling 1-800-FOR-ROAD (1-800-367-7623) or by e-mailing AdoptaHighway@VDOT.Virginia.gov (mailto:AdoptaHighway@VDOT.Virginia.gov). When making a Pickup Report, the Contact Person should report the permit number of the adoption, the number of people who participated in the pickup, the number of bags of litter collected, and the number of manhours spent (manhours equals the number of hours taken to complete the pickup multiplied by the number of participants). If a Contact Person is out of Pickup Report Cards, he or she should call the local Adopt-a-Highway coordinator to report the pickup and to order more cards. It is vital that the Contact Person report the pickup so the adopting organization can get proper credit for keeping Virginia beautiful.
- 17. VDOT encourages Adopt-a-Highway participants to schedule their pickups to coincide with the spring "Earth Day" and the fall "Day to Serve."
- 18. The Adopt-a-Highway coordinator will monitor the program in his or her area. VDOT reserves the right to deny an adoption request or cancel the adoption permit of any group, individual or business, based on any of these criteria:

2023 Clarke County Litter Committee

Estimated 2023 Budget for DEQ Grant

\$10,999.50 DEQ Non-competitive Grant

\$ 1,429.50	EPS Grant Campaign (samples, postage, envelopes)
\$ 460.74	YTD Spent (waste bins, materials)
\$ 3,000.00	Est amount spent by County on various public waste and recycle bins (Citizens Ctr)
\$ 1,200.00	Est amount to be paid to Pack Rat Hauling (Gregg Property x2 dumpsters)
\$ 400.00	Est Signage Cost (Vital Signs)
\$ 500.00	Est Farmer's Market Promotional Items (Give Away)
\$ 200.00	Est Clarke County Litter Committee Tablecloth
\$ 300.00	Est Clarke County Litter Committee Banner
\$ 120.00	Safety Cones (Suggested Purchase by Citizen)
\$ 7,610.24	Total Amount Projected

\$3,389.26 Remaining Grant Funds









Car Trash Bag

Item #120127



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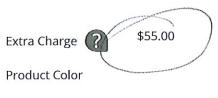
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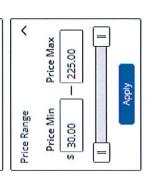
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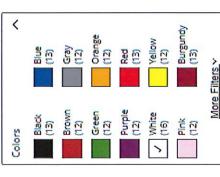


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A custom kit for your event space! Prices from \$142.00 to \$205.00



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